

REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 17, 2004, has been received and carefully noted. The amendments made herein and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1-4 are pending. Claims 1-4 are rejected. Claims 1-4 are amended. Claims 5-14 are new. All claims are supported by at least the specification. The specification has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1 and 4 are objected to. Applicants submit that the objections are obviated in light of the amendments to claims 1 and 4. Reconsideration and withdrawal are requested.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.


Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 1-4 is obviated through the amendment of said claims. Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the indefiniteness rejection.

Applicants submit that the Office Action indicates allowable subject matter in the independent, and therefore dependent, claims. In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that each of claims 1-14 recites subject matter that is neither disclosed nor suggested in the cited prior art. Applicants also respectfully request that claims 1-14 be found allowable and that this application be passed to issue.

If for any reason, the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper has not been timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,



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